Government has promulgated Prevention of Terrorism Ordinance, 2001 (POTO) under which 25 organisations have already been declared as Terrorist Organisations.

The Government has taken measures to comply with the United Nations Security Council Resolution No. 1373 dated 28.9.2001 which requires Member States to undertake comprehensive measures to deal with the problem of terrorism. These measures include suppression of financing of terrorism, and ensuring that any person who finances, plans, prepares for or perpetrates terrorist acts or supports such acts is brought to justice.

Government has also sponsored a compreshensive convention on International Terrorism in the United Nations which has been well received by the International community.

Interrorgation of families of September, 11 terrorist attacks suspects by FBI in India

2501. SHRI C.O. POULOSE: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether a team of the FBI of the USA came in India to interrogate the families of two suspects, living in Hyderabad, arrested by the United States in connection with the September, 11 terrorist attackes;

(b) if so, whether the foreign police agency could directly question Indian citizens and make investigations about their background; and

(c) why the Government is compromising the sovereign jurisdictional authority of Indian State?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI CHENNAMANENI VIDYA SAGAR RAO): (a) to (c) Officers from the Legal Attache Office in the US Embassy in New Delhi visited Hyderabad and collected information from the Andhra Pradesh Police and made enquiries with the families of two suspects arrested by the US Police. Their visit was coordinated by the Interpol Branch of the Central Bureau of Investigation.